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SUBJECT: CABINET DECISION ON UNEF MANDATE AND INTERIM
AGREEMENT

1. ISRAELI CABINET HELD TWO SESSIONS ON JULY 20, ITS
REGULAR MORNIN MEETING AND SPECIAL 5 1/2 HOUR MEETING
WHICH CONCLUDED AT 03:30 AM JULY 21 AT WHICH MAIN
TOPICS WER INTERIM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATINS AND EGYPTAINS
POSITION ON UNEF MANDATE. FLOWING IS EMBSSSY
TRANSLATION OF CABINET STATEMENT ISSUED AT END OF
SECOND SESSION(OFFICIAL GOI TEXT NOT AVAILABLE;
TRANSLATION IS FROM MAARIV JULY 21). " THE CABINET
DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF THE RENEWAL OF THE UNEF MANDATE
AND CONFIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMMUNICATED TO ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED, THAT ISRAEL WILL OPPOSE ANY CHANGE IN THE
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RESOLUTIONS ON WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND
POWRS OF THE UNITEDNATIONS) EMERGENCY FORCE IS BASED.
THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MINISERIAL
(NEGOTIATING) TEAM REPORTED TO THE CABINET ON THE DISCUSSIONS

WITH THE US GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE GEOGRAPHICAL PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. THE CABINET TOOK NOTE OF THE MINISTERIAL TEAM'S COMMUNICATION. THE MINISTERIAL TEAM WILL REPORT TO THE CABINET ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: THERE IS A CERTAIN EXPECTATION HERE IN PRESS CIRCLES THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE APPROACHING A CLIMAX, OFFSET BY DOUBTS AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF LATEST EGYPTIAN STAND ON UNEF. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED CORRESPONDENTS HAVE GIVEN US FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CABINET STATEMENT. HAARETZ MILITARY CORRESPONDENT SCHIFF NOTED THAT STATEMENT WAS NOT AN ULTIMATUM, AND AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF ANY ACTION WHICH GI WOULD TAKE IF MANDATE WAS NOT RENEWED. ACCORDING TO SCHIFF, THERE WAS AN "ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION" AT CABINET MEETING RE IMPLICATIONS OF GOE DECISION TO REFUSE RENEWAL OF UNEF MANDATE. OPTIMISTS BELIEVED EGYPTIAN STEP WAS DESIGNED TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL BUT NOT TO UNDERMINE PROSPECTS FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT; PESSIMISTS ON OTHER HAND SAW PATTERN IN EGYPTIAN STANDS AT RABAT AND JIDDA CONFERENCES, AND IN HANDLING OF UNEF ISSUE, WHICH PUT IN DOUBT EGYPTIAN INTENTION TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

3. MAARIV POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT MEISELS EMPHASIZED CONJUNCTION IN CABINET STATEMENT OF ISRAELI INTENTION TO BRING NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL AND EARLY CONCLUSION WITH CAREFULLY-PHRASED WARNING RE UNEF MANDATE END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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